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THE TONOPAH WATER COMPANY.

In yesterday morning's issue of the Bonanza the commencement of an article relative to the Tonopah Water company was printed and owing to the lack of space we were prevented from an extended comment thereon.

The story contained a statement from President E. G. Wheeler which at the beginning said that when the plant of the Crystal Water company was taken over it was of an inferior quality; of small capacity and constructed of second hand material. Yet Mr. Wheeler seems to forget that during the time the Crystal Water company conducted its operations in Tonopah the stockholders were the recipients of dividends and even the consumers were afforded the privilege of securing water at a less cost than is now charged. A flat rate was given to families of \$5 per month. The list of users would in no way compare to the present number and there was never a complaint of over charge. The Tonopah representatives of the company were courteous and always looking after the interests of both consumer and corporation.

But Colonel Wheeler soon started to elaborate on the construction of the plant. A new and expensive assortment of machinery was imported.

We are getting ahead of the story. The statement is also made that when the control of the Crystal Water company passed into the hands of the Tonopah Water company it was burdened with encumbrances. Now this we believe to be a falsehood of the wildest sort, one invented entirely out of whole cloth for the benefit of whom we know not.

The date of the change of control is stated as January 1, 1906, and, to use the words of the colonel, "Since that date the efficiency of the plant has been maintained and excellent service afforded to customers, but no dividend has been paid."

Honestly, Mr. Wheeler, we believe this outburst of confidence can easily be termed an unmitigated effort of near truthfulness but not the correct principle for which George Washington is honored. Nor that we would call you a falsifier. Far from it. All Tonopah knows of the excellent service received from the water company. And we would be highly censured by your customers for even suggesting that you had wandered from the truth. Tonopah also knows of the courteous treatment received from the employees of the Tonopah Water company. Therefore we are twice blessed.

Mr. Wheeler further says that he has devoted a large part of his time to straightening out of the affairs of the company. This may be true in a sense but the work he has accomplished has been done mostly from the Philadelphia office of the concern. His conception as to local affairs has been through the report of an easterner, sent here to manage the business. Of this representative more will be said later.

The plan offered for the reorganization of the company is to exchange one share of Colonel Wheeler's stock for one share of the stock of the Crystal Water company; that is, provided he can secure all or nearly all of the outstanding stock. If this is done dividends are guaranteed, but if the stockholders refuse to make the exchange they alone will suffer. While not in the nature of a threat, it is very evident that the gallant colonel is not a person to be trifled with. So beware.

It is a well known fact that many of the holders of the stock who reside in Tonopah will not make the exchange and no amount of gilded promises from the gifted Philadelphia gentleman can induce them to entrust to him their shares.

The company has been in such a condition for the last two years that dividends could easily be paid. They are comparatively under the same amount of expense as the Crystal Water company and are enjoying a greater patronage, also are receiving a higher rate for the water.

During the last two years the consumer has been looked upon as a legitimate profit producer and any complaint was met with sneers.

The Tonopah Water company is a corporation formed for the purpose of supplying the public need and operating without a charter. Water in this southern country has now come to be looked on, not as a necessity, but more as a luxury, and many of our residents look upon it as something really beyond their reach.

The majority of our wage earners receive \$4 a day and when they come at the end of the month to pay a bill aggregating anywhere from \$8 to \$15 they feel justified in kicking. At the company's office they are met by this intelligent (?) eastern representative who will respond to all complaints with the information that the meter has registered the amount of water charged to the consumer, and the meter cannot be wrong.

As an illustration we will cite the case of George W. Litts, proprietor of the Tonopah dairy. During the month of April this year, Mr. Litts was charged with using 20,000 gallons of water, the charge being a trifle over \$95. He at once visited the office of the company where he recited his cause for complaint. He was afforded no satisfaction from the representative, who when told of the over charge, calmly remarked: "The meter registered the 20,000 and I am sure the meter is right."

Mr. Litts then went to W. W. Charles, of the Tonopah Mining company, who is also an official of the water company. His argument before this gentleman was strengthened by data from experts as to the amount of water consumed by cattle, and try as they may, it is impossible to figure how the cattle at the dairy had disposed of 20,000 gallons. The meter was removed and tested and it was discovered that but 225 gallons per day was registered. This being the capacity that flowed through the meter in one day, it was easily seen the piece of mechanism was out of order.

Consequently the bill for May was for only 10,500 gallons. However, the June bill made a slight increase, being between 12,000 and 13,000 gallons. Now the bill for July has been received and Mr. Litts is charged with using over 16,000 gallons. Good evidence that the meter is again getting in its deadly work.

Once more space demands that this continuous story be stopped and we again ask the pardon of our readers, but as it is it will be continued in our next.

(PERSONAL)

William Forman is in from his ranch at Oasis.

Captain Bradley has returned to Tonopah from the south.

John Nay and James Nagle are in town from Ellendale.

Frank Peterson and H. Braybrook came in from Manhattan yesterday.

Tom Eastman, a prospective Ellendale millionaire, is in town from that camp.

J. G. Worth, one of the Ellendale leasers, came in from the new camp last evening.

C. M. Bradner, after an absence of two months, returned yesterday from San Francisco.

Senator Zeb Kendall came in yesterday from Ellendale where he is operating the "Lucky Zeb" lease.

W. W. Pangburn of the Montana was an Ellendale visitor yesterday, returning from the new camp last evening.

Miss M. A. Gruber, who has been the guest of Miss Verl Louise Malatesta for the last month, departed Monday for her home at Hazen.

Mrs. James Morris and daughter, Lonetta, departed yesterday morning for San Francisco, where Miss Morris will complete her studies in Miss Hamlin's school.

E. B. Cushman, formerly cashier of the State Bank and Trust company and now connected with the brokerage firm of Cushman and Trimble of Reno, arrived in Tonopah yesterday from the east, where he has spent the last few months. He will remain here several days before returning to his home in Reno.

TONOPAH IS INCLUDED IN NEW POSTAL SYSTEM

General Manager F. G. Waterhouse of the Postal Telegraph company and also of the Southern Nevada Telephone-Telegraph company, received word yesterday from Postal headquarters announcing that a new special rush service had been instituted among the leading cities of the United States, and among this number were Tonopah and Goldfield. The other cities are Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago. The new service went into effect yesterday and in the future all messages between any of the above mentioned cities will receive the best of attention and will be rushed to their destination with the least possible delay. The special service will be in effect on all business days between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

The time between the sending and the receiving of a message should not be more than thirty minutes, it depending greatly on the distance to be traveled by the messenger delivering the telegram. Messages between Tonopah and Goldfield can be transmitted and an answer received within five minutes.

This new innovation will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the Postal system and also speaks well for the management of Mr. Waterhouse who secured the service for Tonopah and Goldfield, the two smallest towns among the limited number enjoying the advantages.

It has not been a great length of time since the Postal made its advent into southern Nevada and it is fast securing its share of the public business. A week or so ago the management secured bicycles for the messenger boys in order to expedite the delivery of all telegrams.

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The Board of School Trustees of Tonopah School District No. 20, in accordance with the power in it vested, in and by virtue of Section 78, of Chapter CLXXXII, of the Statutes of 1907, hereby gives notice that it will on September 4, 1909, direct that a tax of twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars of assessed valuation of the taxable property of said Tonopah School District No. 20, shall be levied and collected pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada entitled, "An Act to provide for a reorganization of the system of school supervision and maintenance, to repeal all Acts and part of Acts in conflict therewith, and matters properly connected therewith." (Approved March 29, 1907.)

Attest: W. W. BOOTH,
Clerk of the Board of School Trustees.

United States Land Office,

Carson City, Nevada,

July 12, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that the Aztec Land and Cattle Company, Limited, a corporation, by and through C.E. Glover, as its attorney in fact, has filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved June 4th, 1897, the N^o 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4, and the S. 1/2 of the N. W. 1/4, both in Section 13, Township 3 N., Range 42 E., M. D. B. & M., an aggregate 160 acres, in Nye County, State of Nevada.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to the applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 21st day of August, 1909.

LOUIS J. COHN,

Register.

Date of first publication, July 15, 1909.

Endorsed:
In the matter of the application of Aztec Land and Cattle Company, Limited, to select the N. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4 and the S. 1/2 of the N. W. 1/4, both in Section 13, Township 3 N., Range 42 E., M. D. B. & M., in Nye County, Nevada.

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Law Attorneys for Applicant, Tonopah, Nevada.

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